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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference JNR/PB60733B	FOR FURTHER ACTION <small>see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</small>	
International application No. PCT/GB2005/000395	International filing date (day/month/year) 04/02/2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 06/02/2004
Applicant GLAXO GROUP LIMITED		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A fluid dispenser (1) for dispensing a metered volume of a fluid product (2) having a storage chamber (57) for storing the fluid product in; a dispensing outlet (27) through which the fluid product is dispensable from the dispenser; a metering chamber (73) which is adapted to provide the metered volume of the fluid product for dispensing through the dispensing outlet by movement of the metering chamber between a contracted state and an expanded state, movement of the metering chamber from the contracted state to the expanded state placing the metering and storage chambers in fluid communication to enable the metering chamber to receive from the storage chamber an excess volume of the fluid product comprising the metered volume and a surplus volume; and a bleed arrangement (55a, 55b) adapted to bleed the surplus volume of the fluid product from the metering chamber. The metering chamber is defined by a boundary wall having a first section (43) which is movably mounted in the dispenser to move the metering chamber between the expanded and contracted states. At least one transfer port (55a, 55b) is formed in the first section of the metering chamber boundary wall through which the fluid product is transferable from the storage chamber to the metering chamber when the metering chamber moves to the expanded state.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 B05B11/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 B05B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	FR 2 692 040 A (VALOIS) 10 December 1993 (1993-12-10) abstract; figure 1 -----	1,2
X	WO 90/07351 A (SCHENK, HANS, GERNOT; PEDERSEN, SOREN) 12 July 1990 (1990-07-12) abstract; figure 1 -----	1,2

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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